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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 27, 2007

TO: Friend of the Court Directors

FROM: Daniel J. Wright

RE: 2007 Reports on Form SCAO 41 (Friend of the Court Annual Statistical Report)

MCL 552.519 requires the SCAO's Friend of the Court Bureau to collect certain data from all friend of the court offices. The reporting requirements were suspended from 2004 through 2006 because of the availability and reliability of MiCSES data. In December 2006, the FOCB notified all FOCs that the reporting requirements would be reinstated beginning in calendar year 2007.

Unfortunately, the MiCSES data that is needed to complete the FOCs' 2007 reports on form SCAO 41 will not be available. Because of the unavailability of the MiCSES data, the FOCB requests that FOCs submit their 2007 SCAO 41 statistical reports using only *non*-MiCSES information.

The following items should be provided: 1, 2, 7-15, 18, 19, 24-29, 35, and 39-47. Also, if FOCs have manually tracked the following additional items that include 16, 17a-17n, 20-23, 30-34, and 36-38 during 2007, and can provide that data to the FOCB, we would be most appreciative.

The 2007 SCAO 41 reports are due February 15, 2008. FOCs may complete either hard copy documents or the electronic SCAO 41 reporting form (the October 2006 form is being provided along with this memo).

We are currently working with the Friend of the Court Association to update form SCAO 41. The 2008 SCAO 41 instructions and forms will soon be distributed to the FOCs.

If FOC offices have any questions regarding the reporting requirements, please contact Tim Cole at 517-373-9663 or colet@courts.mi.gov. Additional copies of form SCAO 41 and reporting instructions can be printed from <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/courtforms/scao/scao41.pdf>.